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FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF PRESIDENT PARK' S  
PROPOSED JUNE 23 SPECIAL STATEMENT ON NEW ROK FOREIGN  
POLICY " FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION":

" DEAR FIFTY- MILLION FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:

TODAY, I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THE GUIDE- LINES OF OUR FOREIGN  
POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION TO IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALY  
CONDITIONS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR LONG- CHERISHED  
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NATIONAL ASPIRATION - THE UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND.  
I MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR EXPERI-  
ENCES IN THE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE AND THE RECENT DEVEL-  
OPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

" AT THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA WAS LIBERATED, BUT OUR LAND WAS DIVIDED AND OUR PEOPLE WERE SEPARATED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

" THE 38 TH PARALLEL, ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS A MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE FOR DISARMING JAPANESE FORCES, TURNED LATER INTO AN IRON CURTAIN. AS A RESULT, THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH WERE CUT OFF FROM EACH OTHER IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ALL OTHER FIELDS.

" IN THE MEANTIME, NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE U. S.- USSR JOINT COMMISSION TO REMOVE THE BARRIER OF THE 38 TH PARALLEL AND TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. YET, THESE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED IN FAILURE DUE TO BASIC DIFFERENCES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO PARTIES. THE KOREAN QUESTION WAS, THEN, SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

" AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED IN 1947, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED CALLING FOR FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF KOREA. THE UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA ( UNTCOK) WAS THEN DISPATCHED TO KOREA TO FACILITATE THIS OBJECTIVE.

" HOWEVER, THE GENERAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD ONLY IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF KOREA BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF NORTH KOREA. THUS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS ESTABLISHED ON 15 TH AUGUST, 1948 AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE ONLY LAWFUL GOVERNMENT IN KOREA.

" ON 25 TH JUNE, 1950, THE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST FORCES LAUNCHED AN UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. DURING THE KOREAN WAR THUS CAUSED, AN INNUMERABLE NUMBER OF OUR BRETHREN LOST THEIR LIVES AND THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS SUBJECTED TO DESTRUCTION BY WARFARE. AN ARMISTICE WAS PUT  
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INTO EFFECT AFTER THREE YEARS OF WAR, BUT THE COUNTRY STILL REMAINED DIVIDED AND THE PROSPECT OF UNIFICATION OF THE DIVIDED COUNTRY BECAME EVEN DIMMER.

" IN MY COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ON 15 TH AUGUST, 1970, I CALLED FOR A RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH WITH A VIEW TO ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR COMPATRIOTS ARISING FROM THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY AND ALSO TO BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND. ON 12 TH AUGUST OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR OUR SIDE PROPOSED THE SOUTH- NORTH RED CROSS TALKS, AND ON 4 TH JULY LAST YEAR THE SOUTH- NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED.

" THE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE WAS THUS STARTED. YET, THE RESULTS OF THESE DIALOGUES LASTING FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE THEIR BEGINNING HAVE BEEN FAR FROM OUR EXPECTATIONS.

" IN OUR TALKS WITH THE NORTH, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO GRADUALLY REMOVE THE ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH BY SOLVING EASIER AND MORE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FIRST AND TO PHASE OUT FEELINGS OF MUTUAL DISTRUST AND REPLACE THEM WITH THOSE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE THROUGH CONCRETE RESULTS. WE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BEST SERVE TO MAKE THE TALKS PRODUCTIVE AND WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A SHORT- CUT TO THE EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

" THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE, IN DISREGARD OF THE EXISTENCE OF DEEP- ROOTED FEELINGS OF DISTRUST BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH, INSISTED THAT MILITARY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SHOULD FIRST BE DEALT WITH, AS A PACKAGE, IN THE TALKS. WHILE THE VERY PROBLEM OF RE- UNIFICATION WAS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE TALKS, THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE WAS CONTINUOUSLY ENGAGED IN SUCH EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES AS WOULD PRACTICALLY PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY.

" IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOUTH- NORTH RELATIONSHIP, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NOT ONLY MANY  
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DIFFICULTIES LIE IN THE WAY OF THE DIALOGUE, BUT A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE DIALOGUE ORIGINALLY EXPECTED CAN BE ATTAINED.

" MOREOVER, IF THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS WERE TO BE LEFT AS IT IS, THE EXISTING FEELINGS OF DISTRUST MIGHT BE DEEPENED AND EVEN THE TENSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH MIGHT BE AGGRAVATED.

" NOW, AS FOR THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, IT MAY BE SAID THAT ERA OF COLD WAR AFTER WORLD WAR II CAME TO AN END. WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON A NEW ERA OF PEACEFUL CO- EXISTENCE, BASED ON THE STATUS QUO, THROUGH THE BALANCE OF POWER AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS.

" JUDGING ALSO FROM A SERIES OF EVENTS WITNESSED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND CAN BE ATTAINED WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

" THESE INTERNATIONAL TRENDS GIVE RISE TO A MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION. THE PROBLEM IS HOW

TO PURSUE THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION -- THE SUPREME ASPIRATION  
AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE -- IN THE FACE  
OF THE STARK REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

" MY DEAR FIFTY- MILLION FELLOW COUNTRYMEN\*

" WE MUST TACKLE THESE REALITIES IN AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE  
WAY.

" WE MUST FORMULATE WISE AND FIRM POLICIES FOR ATTAINING  
THE GOAL OF NATIONAL UNIFICATION IN THE FACE OF INTERNAL AND  
EXTERNAL REALITIES. THEN, WE MUST ASSIDUOUSLY IMPLEMENT SUCH  
POLICIES.

" WE SHOULD HAVE PEACE ROOTED FIRMLY IN THIS LAND AND  
SHOULD ACHIEVE, WITHOUT FAIL, THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PEACEFUL  
UNIFICATION BY OUR OWN SELF- RELIANT EFFORTS.

" WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, I NOW DECLARE THE  
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FOLLOWING POLICIES:

" 1. THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND IS THE  
SUPREME TASK OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK.

" 2. PEACE MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY  
ALL MEANS. THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH SHOULD NEITHER INTERFERE  
WITH EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS NOR COMMIT AGGRESSION  
AGAINST EACH OTHER.

" 3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS WITH SINCERITY AND  
PATIENCE TO SECURE CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE SOUTH- NORTH  
DIALOGUE BASED ON THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH- NORTH JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE DATED 4 TH JULY, 1972.

" 4. WE SHALL NOT OPPOSE NORTH KOREA'S PARTICIPATION WITH  
US IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IF IT IS CONDUCIVE TO THE  
EASING OF TENSION AND THE FURTHERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION.

" 5. WE SHALL NOT OBJECT TO OUR ADMITTANCE INTO THE  
UNITED NATIONS TOGETHER WITH NORTH KOREA, IF THE MAJORITY  
OF THE MEMBER- STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SO WISH, PROVIDED  
THAT IT DOES NOT HINDER OUR NATIONAL UNIFICATION.

" EVEN BEFORE OUR ADMITTANCE INTO THE UNITED NATIONS AS A  
MEMBER, WE SHALL NOT BE OPPOSED TO NORTH KOREA ALSO BEING  
INVITED AT THE TIME OF THE U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DELIBERATION  
OF " THE KOREAN QUESTION" IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

"6. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WILL OPEN ITS DOOR TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND EQUALITY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE URGE THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE IDEOLOGIES AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE

DIFFERENT FROM OURS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO US.

"7. PEACE AND GOOD- NEIGHBORLINESS ARE THE FIRM BASIS OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IT IS REAFFIRMED  
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THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER STENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN OUR FRIENDLY NATIONS AND OUR COUNTRY.

" I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT MATTERS CONCERNING NORTH KOREAN IN THE POLICIES ENUMERATED ABOVE ARE INTERIM MEASURES DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD PENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL UNFICATION AND THAT OUR TAKING OF THESE MEASURES DOES NOT SIGNIFY RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AS A STATE.

" MY DEAR COMPATRIOTS IN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH\*

" UPON AN OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SITUATIONS SURROUNDING OUR FATHERLAND, I HAVE A FIRM CONVICTION THAT THESE POLICIES ARE THE ONLY SHORT- CUT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION BY OUR OWN SELF- RELIANT EFFORTS AMIDST INTERNATIONAL CURRENTS OF RELAXATION OF TENSION WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE DIGNITY AND PRICE OF OUR NATION.

" THERE CAN BE NO DESPAIR OR FRUSTRATION FOR A WISE AND COURAGEOUS PEOPLE.

" LET US MARCH TOGETHER, WITH HOPE, COURAGE AND WISDOM, TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, PROSPERITY OF THE NATION AND UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND."  
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